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SUBJ: AEGEAN AIRSPACE DISPUTE

REF: ANKARA 2156 (DTG 241215Z MAR 77)

1. ON MARCH 29 MFA DIRGEN FOR MULTILATERAL POLITICAL
AFFAIRS, SELCUK KORKUD, GAVE EMBOFFS A GENERALLY UPBEAT
CHARACTERIZATION OF THE MOST RECENT TURKISH COUNTER-
PROPOSAL ON THE AEGEAN AIRSPACE DISPUTE. KORKUD ACKNOWLEDGED
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THAT IT REPRESENTED A "A NEW APPROACH," BUT SAID THAT IT
CONTAINED MANY POINTS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED AND AGREED ON.

2. KORKUD EMPHASIZED THAT GREEK INSISTENCE ON INSERTING
REFERENCES TO THE FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (FIR) AT LAST
SESSION IN PARIS OR, IN MOST RECENT GREEK PROPOSAL, ON
INCLUSION OF REFERENCES TO " INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTS" IN MANY

ARTICLES OF DRAFT AGREEMENT, COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE GOT AND WAS THE REASON FOR THE NEW TURKISH APPROACH. TURKEY SAW NO REASON FOR REFERENCE TO THE FIR BECAUSE IT IS AN ALREADY DETERMINED INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT, AND "AS LONG AS THE FIR STAYS, TURKEY WILL RESPECT IT." ASKED WHY, IF TURKEY RESPECTED IT, GOT WANTED NO REFERENCE TO IT IN THE AIRSPACE AGREEMENT, KORKUD SAID THE PRINCIPAL REASON WOULD BE DIFFICULTY WITH "PUBLIC OPINION". TURKEY MADE NO SECRET OF THE FACT IT WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE PRESENT FIR, BUT COULD ACCEPT IT IF AN AIRSPACE AGREEMENT COULD BE WORKED OUT WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE FIR. SUCH AN AGREEMENT, HE SAID COULD BE LIKENED TO A CONFIDENCE BUILDING EXERCISE.

3. WHEN QUESTIONED FURTHER ON WHY TURKEY HAD CHOSEN A NEW APPROACH RATHER THAN CONTINUING TO NARROW DIFFERENCES ALONG LINE OF PREVIOUS NEGOTIATIONS, KORKUD ASSERTED THAT THE TWO SIDES, IN FOLLOWING THE PREVIOUS LINE, HAD NOT COME SO NEAR AGREEMENT AS OUTSIDERS HAD BEEN LED TO THINK. DIFFERENCES OVER THE 25/36 MILE RATIO FOR THE "IDENTIFICATION ZONE" WERE BASIC, AS WAS IMPOSSIBILITY OF AGREEING TO GREEK INSISTENCE ON REFERENCE TO THE FIR. ALSO, GOT WANTED NO REFERENCE TO MATTERS OF PRINCIPLE IN THE AGREEMENT.

4. KORKUD DISCUSSED THE TURKISH DRAFT IN SOME DETAIL. MOST OF THE KEY POINTS ARE CITED IN USNATO 1728 (DTG 251919Z MAR 77) (NOTAL). OF PARTICULAR INTEREST, HOWEVER, IS TURKISH DRAFT'S MEANS OF AVOIDING THE "IDENTIFICATION ZONE" PROBLEM. THE TURKISH PROPOSAL CALLS FOR FLIGHT PLANS OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT TO BE PROVIDED RECEIVING AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AREA
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THIRTY MINUTES BEFORE PASSING TO THE NEW CONTROL. FURTHERMORE, STATE AIRCRAFT WOULD IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BY TURNING ON IFF/SIF TRANSPONDERS ON ENTRY INTO INTERNATIONAL AIRSPACE. IN THIS MANNER, HE NOTED, REFERENCE TO TURKISH NOTAM 714 OR IDENTIFICATION ZONES WAS AVOIDED.
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